



L AMAR'S MONTHLY CONNECTION SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

DECEMBER 2020

The year 2020 has been a very challenging year with the Coronavirus pandemic, protests, riots, division, unemployment and economic unrest, still the Town of Lamar was able to find the silver lining in the clouds.

The 50th Anniversary of the Lamar Bus Riots was a painful, but very necessary process that we had to go through in order to bring peace, reconciliation, and closure to a dark chapter in our town's history; the prayer vigil and roundtable discussion set the tone for a harmonious future.

The Town of Lamar partnered with several organizations throughout the year that allowed us to bless and enlighten our citizens. We had masks giveaways sponsored by Genesis Healthcare and Ms. Diane Hicks. There were food giveaways sponsored by Harvest Hope and Lamar United Methodist Church, and then others sponsored by Save the Children, Lee County First Steps, Darlington County First Steps. Book bag giveaways were sponsored by Genesis and Senator Gerald Malloy. Genesis sponsored a Men to Men Health Care Symposium and CareSouth hosted several free mobile covid-19 testings.

We celebrated a Weekend of Prayer, kicked off with the youth leading the Virtual Prayer Service (see Facebook), Day of Prayer led by the Lamar Ministerial Alliance and a proclamation that honors the first Monday of each month as a Community Day of Prayer (Outreach Community Church). The Lamar Neighborhood Watch Program was formalized, and a non-profit official Christmas Committee was established.

We welcomed Lamar-Spaulling Elementary School as the home for all children of our community and congratulate the Lamar Silver Foxes on another Outstanding Football Season!



CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- ❖ Take pictures with Santa at Lamar Library
- ❖ Story Time with Mrs. Claus
- ❖ Drop off your Letters to Santa
- ❖ Enjoy S'mores with the Fire Department
- ❖ Shop with the Vendors

PARADE AT DUSK

If you would like to be a participant in the parade or as a vendor, please contact the event coordinators.

Parade Coordinator:

Dawn Smith (704-562-2369)

Festival/Vendor Coordinator:

Danielle Wilkes (843-339-0419)

Parade entries will check in at 3:30 PM at Lamar Baptist Church (303 Main Street). All entries are encouraged to follow a Christmas theme by decorating with lights, tinsel, garland, etc.

Please wear a mask and practice Social Distancing.



RINGING OF THE BELL

On Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm, everyone will come outside onto their doorsteps and ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread the Christmas Spirit and to help Santa fly his sleigh. After this awful year, it would be an amazing memory for kids and communities to end 2020 with a bit of Magic, Hope, and Togetherness!



MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Town Council – Monday, December 14 @ 6:15 PM
- Beautification Committee – 2nd Friday @ 9:00 AM
- Neighborhood Watch – 1st Thursday @ 6:30 PM
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Court with Judge Lacross – 3rd Monday

LAMAR TOWN LIBRARY

Monday – Thursday...10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday...10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00AM – 2:00 PM

TOWN OF LAMAR MERCHANTS COVID-19 HOURS

PIGGLY WIGGLY – 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Daily

DOLLAR GENERAL – 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Daily

T & G – Monday – Saturday - 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM (Sunday Closed)

FAMILY DOLLARS - Monday – Saturday – 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Sunday – 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

KEN'S CORNER – Monday – Friday – 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturday – 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM / Sunday – 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

TRIANGLE – Monday – Saturday – 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday – 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

GAY-ANN – Monday – Friday – 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Saturday – 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM / Sunday – 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

RESTAURANTS COVID-19 HOURS

MAIN STREET CAFÉ – CALL IN ORDERS ONLY
Monday – Wednesday – 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Thursday – Saturday – 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

NEW DRAGON – CALL IN ORDERS ONLY
Tuesday – Sunday – 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

LAMAR FAMILY PHARMACY

(Located inside Piggly Wiggly)

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Phone: (843) 326 - 5231

LAMAR RECREATION BASKETBALL



If your child (ages 5-13) would like to register for recreational basketball, please contact the Recreation Manager:

Chris Weaver @ 843-992-4480

* Basketball Coaches Needed *



LAMAR'S AUTHORS

Michelle Lloyd

Author of "LunaLu the Llamacorn". The book can be found at Barnes & Nobles, Walmart, and Amazon.

Ashley Baker

Is an aspiring author and will have her first book published in the very near future.

Congratulations and much success!

IN MEMORIUM

As 2020 comes to an end, we pause to give honor to the memory of those who walked among us, who led by example, and who shared their unconditional love.

In January 2021, we will honor departed family members, friends, and love ones that lived or served in the Lamar Community, and transitioned in the year 2020, via one of the Town of Lamar's Social Media Platforms. Please assist us by sending their names and transition dates by December 28, 2020 to:

Tdargan@lamarasc.org

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A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY,
COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

DECEMBER 26 – JANUARY 1

Please visit the Town of Lamar's Website www.lamarasc.org and Facebook Page for Information, News, and upcoming events in our town.

If you would like to place an article in our newsletter, please contact Inez B. Lee, Editor, @ ilee@lamarasc.org by the 20th of each month.

